

Potential Changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance

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The city's Historic Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 10-13, B.R.C. 1981) was adopted in 1974, establishing the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and charged the Board with carrying out the provisions of the ordinance. It was passed largely in response to the loss of significant historic buildings and the recognition of the need to better preserve Boulder's heritage. The ordinance has been revised several times over the years in response to changes in the community and to address areas of improvement.

The City Council is currently considering changes to the ordinance. The changes currently under consideration include:

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Changes to the process for designating historic districts;

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Changes to the review process for demolition permit applications for non-landmarked buildings over 50 years old;

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A variety of other potential "housekeeping" changes aimed at clarifying the current ordinance, improving the efficiency of review processes, or providing additional opportunities for public notice and outreach.

- [Current Draft of the Historic Preservation Code Changes 2.14 Mb](#)

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Upcoming Events

Public Hearings:

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Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006: City Council (Fourth Reading), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway (Memorandum)

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Aug. 15, 2006: City Council (Third reading), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway (Memorandum).

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July 11, 2006: City Council (Second reading and public hearing), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway (Memorandum).

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June 6, 2006: City Council (First Reading), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway (Memorandum)

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May 9, 2006: City Council (Study Session), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway (Memorandum)

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April 6, 2006: Planning Board (Public hearing and recommendation to City Council), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway. (Memorandum (8.15 MB))

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March 27, 2006: Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board (Recommendation to City Council and public comment), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway (Continuation from March 1, 2006 hearing). (Memorandum (470.27 KB)

- March 1, 2006: Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board (Continued to March 27, 2006), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway.

(Memorandum (5.09 MB))

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Feb. 1, 2006: Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board (Discussion and Staff Direction), 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway.

(Memorandum (5.69 MB))

PUBLIC PROCESS TO DATE:

Changes to the historic preservation ordinance have been in progress since 2003. This includes significant changes to the historic district designation process as well as changes to the demolition permit review.

Issue scoping and identification of goals

- January 2003: meeting with University Hill residents and property owners to identify issues and concerns (150 people attended)

(Agenda (10.53 KB))

- March 2003: letter in response to questions raised at the January University Hill meeting mailed to all participants (Letter (187.89 KB))

- March 2003: Landmarks Board Meeting (Memorandum (167.94 KB))

- April 2003: Landmarks Board Meeting (Memorandum (31.02 KB))

- September 2003: Landmarks Board Check-in

(Memorandum (28.27 KB))

- September 2003: Work group Meeting #1

(Presentation (113.76 KB), Notes (27.01 KB))

Policy analysis and discussion

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October 2003: Landmarks Board Check-in (Verbal)

- December 2003: Landmarks Board Check-in (Memorandum (81.05 KB) and public comment (30.03 KB))

- December 2003: Work Group Meeting #2 (Notes (27.49 KB))

- February 2004: Work Group Meeting #3 (Notes (22.39 KB))

- March through October 2004: Draft language written, Website created, options published

- October 2004: Landmarks Board Check-in (Memorandum (17.50 KB))

- October 2004: Mapleton Hill neighborhood meeting

- October 2004: Whittier neighborhood meeting

- November 2004: Goss Grove neighborhood meeting

- November 2004: University Hill neighborhood meeting

- December 2004: Landmarks Board Check-in

(Memorandum (48.48 KB))

- December 2004: Open House (Handout (59.73 KB) and Notes (24.15 KB))

- March 2005: Landmarks Board Check-in (Verbal)

- April 2005: Landmarks Board Check-in (Verbal)
- October 2005: Work group meeting #4: (Agenda (36.99 KB))
- October 2005: Open House (Presentation (545.34 KB))
- November 2005: Update to City Council (Memorandum (55.07 KB))
- December 2005: Landmarks Board Check-in
(Memorandum (147.10 KB))
- January 2006: Martin Acres neighborhood meeting
- January 2006: University Hill neighborhood meeting
- January 2006: Public Meeting Open House (Presentation (792.42 KB), Notes (20.02 KB) and Comments (38.00 KB))
- January 2006: Chamber of Commerce Council meeting
- January 2006: Boulder Area Realtors Association meeting

OTHER "HOUSEKEEPING" CHANGES

As city staff undertook the task of drafting the potential changes above, there were many other little changes throughout the code which were in need of updating to assist in clarifying the current ordinance, improve the efficiency of review processes, correct process to current practices, or to provide additional opportunities for public notice and outreach.

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